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## SECTION I.

This Society shall be called the BOSTON ART STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, and its objects shall be:—

*First.* To supplement the academic training of the School or Schools of Art connected with the Museum of Fine Arts.

*Second.* To assist its members in their artistic career.

*Third.* To cultivate a spirit of fraternity among art students.

*Fourth.* To promote the interests of art in the city of Boston.

## SECTION II.

### *Board of Government.*

The Board of Government shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and Directors, and if necessary, an Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. The Directors shall consist of not less than five members,

and may be increased as the needs of the Association shall demand. A majority of the Board of Government shall always be chosen from those persons who are or have been students in the School or Schools of Art connected with the Museum.

### SECTION III.

#### *Duties of Officers.*

The President shall exercise the usual functions of a presiding officer, and in his absence the Vice-President shall act for him.

If the President and the Vice-President shall both be absent from any meeting, the members present shall choose a presiding officer.

The Treasurer shall keep the funds of the Association, collect all dues, pay all bills approved by the President or Vice-President, and shall submit an annual report of the financial condition of the Association, and of all moneys received and disbursed during the year.

The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, keep the records, and issue the notices of the Association.

The Directors shall attend to such duties in connection with meetings, exhibitions, and other work of the Association, as are not specially provided for.

The Board of Government shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur among the officers of the Association.

## SECTION IV.

*Membership.*

Membership in the Association shall consist of four classes — *Active, Associate, Life, and Honorary*, but only those persons who are practising or studying Art, or are following a profession or industry allied to Art, shall be eligible for membership in the first three of these classes, and the number of persons admitted to the Association who have not studied in the School or Schools connected with the Museum shall never exceed one third of its active membership.

*Active Members.*

Active members shall pay an entrance fee of two dollars, and such annual fee as Section XVI. of the By-Laws shall direct. But this annual fee shall be a sum not less than one dollar or more than four dollars, according to the need of the Association. These members may enjoy all the privileges of the Association.

*Associate Members.*

Associate members may be those persons, who, living at a distance so that they cannot enjoy all privileges of the Association, shall yet retain their connection with the body, after having paid five dollars into the treasury, either in annual fees or otherwise, and these persons may at any time, by application to the Board of Government, be made active or life members. They shall have no vote in the



business affairs of the Association, nor shall they be eligible to hold any position on the Board of Government. They shall not be assessed for the annual fee, but shall pay one dollar to the Association every five years. The Committee in charge of the School or Schools at the Museum, the instructors in them, and all those persons who are honorary members of the Association at the time this By-Law is passed, may be considered members of this class, but they shall not be assessed for any fee.

#### *Life Members.*

Life members shall pay an entrance fee of two dollars and the additional sum of forty dollars, either in one payment or in successive annual instalments of ten dollars. They shall enjoy all the privileges of active members, and always be exempt from the annual fee.

#### *Honorary Members.*

Honorary members shall not be assessed for any fees. They shall enjoy all the privileges of active members.

### SECTION V.

#### *Candidates for Admission.*

Candidates for admission shall first receive the approval of the committee on admission. They shall then be submitted to a vote of the Association at any regular meeting, after having had their names posted at least one week before the meeting. Five negative votes shall exclude a

candidate. The votes of absent members shall be received on written proxies only.

Candidates for honorary membership shall be submitted to the Association to be voted on by the Board of Government, but in their case the approval of the committee on admission shall not be required, nor shall it be necessary to post their names before the meeting.

## SECTION VI.

### *Annual Meeting.*

The annual meeting for the election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Association, shall be held on any day between the first day of September and the tenth day of December, that the Board of Government shall appoint. The President or Vice-President shall be authorized to call additional meetings upon the written request of any five members, and this request shall be entered in the records of the Association.

## SECTION VII.

### *Quorum.*

Twelve members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## SECTION VIII.

### *Fees Due.*

The annual fee shall be due at or before the annual meeting. The names of all members who shall not have

paid their fee for the previous year shall be dropped from the list of membership after having received at least one month's notice from the Treasurer; but upon the payment of all arrears they shall be restored to membership.

## SECTION IX.

### *Expulsion from Membership.*

Any member who shall be guilty of improper conduct calculated to bring the Association into disrepute, may be expelled from membership by a two thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting; no member shall be expelled, however, until he shall have had notice of such intention on the part of the Association, and has been given an opportunity of being heard in his own defence.

## SECTION X. .

### *Use of Funds.*

If the funds in the hands of the Treasurer at the close of the year, after deducting all expenses, shall have reached one hundred and fifty dollars, the said sum shall be paid to the committee in charge of the School or Schools of Art connected with the Museum of Fine Arts, to be used as the Association shall direct.

## SECTION XI.

### *Committee on Admission.*

The committee on admission shall be elected yearly at any regular meeting of the Association. It shall consist

of five members and three at least of whom shall be persons who are, or have been, students in the School or Schools at the Museum.

## SECTION XII.

### *Committee for Regular Exhibitions.*

The Board of Government shall constitute a committee of selection, to which all pictures contributed for the regular exhibition shall be submitted, and they shall decide what works shall be accepted and what rejected.

## SECTION XIII.

### *Rules for Exhibitions.*

The Board of Government shall be authorized to make such special rules and regulations in relation to meetings and exhibitions as may be found necessary in the discharge of their duties.

## SECTION XIV.

### *Amendments.*

Any section of these By-Laws from Section I. to Section XIV. inclusive may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the Association by a three fourths vote of the members present, notice of the general nature of such amendment or repeal having been given at least one month before. All other sections may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting by a majority vote.



## SECTION XV.

*Annual Report.*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make an annual report of the work of the Association, which report shall, with the approval of the Board of Government, be printed and circulated among the members.

## SECTION XVI.

*Annual Fee.*

The annual fee for active members of the Association shall be two dollars.

## SECTION XVII.

*Exhibitions and Receptions.*

There shall be an annual exhibition of work done by the members of the Association. No work done in the regular classes of the Schools shall be shown at this exhibition. The Board of Government shall also be authorized to appoint such other exhibitions, receptions, or meetings for social intercourse as may seem to them to be for the welfare of the Association.





































